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BURNS AT MEMPHIS

The Sun, Formerly in the Tennessee River Trade, Destroyed Yesterday.

Lives of Sleeping Passengers Lost Before They Could Be Rescued.

THE LOSS WILL BE \$10,000 OR MORE

The steamer Sun, which formerly plied in the Paducah and Tennessee river trade, with Captain Douglas Jones as master, was burned yesterday morning at Memphis. Three perished. The Memphis dispatches say:

The stern wheel steamer Sun, plying between this port and Fulton, Tenn., burned to the water's edge at 5 o'clock at her moorings, at the wharf, on the city front. The boat arrived from Fulton at about midnight with fifteen passengers, all of whom were asleep on board when the fire broke out.

Of these three are known to be lost, viz: D. N. Rainey and his wife, of Old River, Tenn., and Mrs. G. M. Tims, of Richardson's Landing, Tenn. Their charred remains have been recovered from the wreck.

The fire originated in a pile of seed cotton on boiler deck and was probably started by a spark from the furnace. The boat was valued at \$10,000 and was about half insured. The cargo, which was totally destroyed, consisted of twenty-seven bales of cotton and a lot of cotton seed and seed cotton oil, besides miscellaneous freight.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tims was also lost.

Today's Memphis Commercial-Appellate says: "A few minutes before 5 o'clock Yates, the night watchman of the Sun, descended into the hold of the vessel to make the customary inspection before going off watch. All was well on the decks, and in the cabin when the watchman went below. He was in the hold about ten minutes. When he came again upon the lower deck a bright blaze among the sacks of seed attracted his attention. Yates says that an area of twelve feet by eighteen inches on the top of the huge pile of sacks was aflame.

"Understanding the combustible nature of the material, and realizing that the lives of the passengers remaining upon the boat were in jeopardy, the watchman hurried to the cabin and ran through its length, knocking upon the doors of the staterooms and yelling 'Fire' at the top of his voice. The wildest confusion followed. Men and women rushed from their staterooms in their night robes.

"The watchman had been none too soon. Before he reached the lower deck again the flames had wrapped the pile of cotton sacks and communicated with the stairway leading to the cabin and upper decks. The beams supporting the superstructure were burning, and it was soon evident that the cabin and Texas would soon collapse.

"The spectators on the bluffs and banks saw men and women plunging into the river from the burning decks. Above the crackling of the flames and shouts of the rescuers rose the pathetic screams of a helpless woman, who was vainly sacrificing her life for her child. A mass of driftwood had accumulated between the Sun and the government boat Wright. When all hope of escape from the shore side had been cut off by the fire, several passengers jumped up a floating log and were rescued by the heroic efforts of William Anderson, a sailor on the Wright.

G. N. Rainor and wife perished in their stateroom. Mr. Rainor was an invalid and came to Memphis to enter St. Joseph's hospital for treatment, being afflicted with heart disease. He was 20 years old, and a planter. His wife was about the same age, and was accompanying him to the hospital, where she proposed remaining while her husband was undergoing treatment. It will never be known just how the couple perished. It was in all probability another case of a woman's devotion and sacrifice. The charred bodies were found in a position corresponding with the location

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THE USUAL NUMBER

Christmas Crimes Reported From all Over Kentucky This Morning.

The Minor Accidents are Reported as Almost Innumerable Throughout the State.

A NUMBER OF KILLINGS REPORTED

Louisville, Dec. 26.—The usual number of Christmas crimes and casualties is reported this morning from various Kentucky towns.

At Lockport, Ky., Jack Estes was shot dead by a drunken man, who was arrested.

Two negroes were mortally wounded in quarrels at Frankfort yesterday. Scott Texar, colored, was mysteriously killed at Lexington, Ky.

A Lexington merchant was fatally hurt by a cannon cracker.

A Stanford merchant had an arm blown off by a cannon cracker.

There were numerous other minor accidents.

BAD WRECK.

SEVERAL HURT ON THE L. C. AT FULTON.

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 26.—Chicago passenger train No. 1 ran into a freight train in the yards here Tuesday night. Express Messenger Leonard Connor of Cairo was seriously injured, and F. L. Gallagher of Quincy, Ill., who was stealing his way, had his hand crushed so that amputation was necessary. The freight train was pulling across the yards to the double track, and the flagman failed to put out a signal. Engineer Jim McNamara of Paducah, and his fireman A. H. Williamson of Memphis, stayed with their engine and neither was hurt. Engine No. 208 was made into kindling wood, by the wreck, and fifteen cars were damaged.

CUTTING AFFRAY

ALBERT HICKERSON, COLORED, CUT IN THE ARM YESTERDAY.

Albert Hickerson, the colored porter at the Nelson saloon, near Fourth and Clark streets, was badly cut yesterday morning about 11 o'clock by a white man named Bolan. Bolan, it is claimed, was drinking, and did the cutting without provocation. Hickerson was cut in the left arm. Dr. Robertson dressed the injury. Bolan is at large, but will probably be arrested for the cutting.

LARGE CROWDS.

ATTEND THE VARIOUS ENTERTAINMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

All the church services and entertainments yesterday and today were well attended by both young and old. The weather was as beautiful and mild as could have been wished, and the little folks, as well as the larger ones, seemed to enjoy the various things very much.

JOE JOHNSON, COLORED, ARRESTED.

Joe Johnson, colored, was arrested this morning by Officer Jones on a warrant charging him with a breach of the peace, by being drunk and using profane language. He was found with a fine silk umbrella in his possession and upon investigation it was learned that the article had been taken from the Eley Dry Goods establishment.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Robert McCune has filed a suit against his wife, Eileen, for divorce and the custody of their child, to be placed in the hands of its grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Grief. He gives as his grounds for the action infidelity. They separated yesterday.

SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY.

New York, Dec. 26.—Grover Cleveland accepts a place on the capital and labor peace committee. He says he serve as a "Sense of Public Duty"

NEW CUSTOM HOUSE

Congressman Wheeler Writes of the Idea in His New Bill.

It Calls For an Exact Duplicate of the Present Government Building.

HE BELIEVES IT WILL GO THROUGH

It is probable that the matter of enlarging the government building here will be taken up by the Commercial club, and some action tending to assist Congressman Wheeler in securing the passage of the bill taken.

A letter has been received from Congressman Wheeler, who is still in Washington, stating that his bill, which calls for a \$100,000 appropriation, was referred to the supervising architect, who reported it favorably to the committee on public buildings and grounds, which now has it, and which seems to regard it favorably.

The idea embodied in the bill is to duplicate the present custom house. This, Congressman Wheeler says, was the original idea when the present building was designed. It was arranged so that in the course of years it could be duplicated by adding to it another building exactly like it. This is what the new bill provides for. The new structure, if Congress orders it built, will be exactly like the present one, the two to be joined together by an archway. This was anticipated years ago, it being known that the building would not be large enough in the course of years.

The idea in the bill, Congressman Wheeler declares, is his own, and the bill is not a duplicate of the one introduced by Senator Deboe. It is following out the plan intended when the present building was built, and one made necessary by the increase in the basis of business transacted at the building.

Congressman Wheeler believes that the bill will carry, and is anxious to have the assistance of the Commercial club and other local interests. It is not yet known when the Commercial club will meet to consider the matter.

OFFICER CUT.

ONLY ONE SERIOUS ACCIDENT REPORTED FROM METROPOLIS.

A report comes from Metropolis that "Dug" Gregory, a special holiday policeman, was cut in the head last night at Metropolis by a drunken man and seriously injured. His head was split several inches to the bone, but the wound is not considered fatal. This was the only accident or serious affray reported from Metropolis yesterday.

WAS REMOVED TODAY.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward S. Macley was today summarily removed from the navy department. The civil service commission writes him it is no violation of the civil service act.

PROSPECTS ARE FINE

Elks Committee Will Soon Be Ready to Report on Carnival.

Merchants Seem Very Enthusiastic Over the Plan For Another Carnival.

WILL SUBSCRIBE MORE THAN EVER

The committee appointed by the Elks at the last regular meeting to confer with the merchants and learn their feeling in regard to having another carnival in Paducah, next spring, will make its report at the first meeting in January. It is almost certain that this report will be in favor of another Elks carnival in the spring.

Mr. L. A. Lagormarsino, director-general of the last and most successful carnival, is chairman of the committee, and in addition to being a hustler, is in touch with the various interests, and cannot be deceived when it comes to gauging public sentiment.

The other members of the committee are Messrs. Wm. Kraus, Henry Nunn, John C. Rinckleff and H. G. Johnston.

One member stated this morning: "I think the report will undoubtedly be in favor of giving another carnival, about the same time as the last one, in May. I have talked to a number of other members of the committee, and they seem to have all met with the same encouragement that I have.

"It seems that the merchants are willing to give another carnival under the auspices of the Elks even greater support than they did last time, because of the most gratifying results of the latter. The Elks will not undertake it unless they are enabled to see their way clear. As will be remembered, last May the Elks had almost paid all expenses before they opened the doors, and a large part of that taken in was clear profit.

"The report of the committee will be formally presented to the lodge at the first meeting in January, which will be Thursday, a week from today."

MANY FREIGHT TRAINS.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXPERIENCED A RUSH LAST NIGHT.

Last night the freight trains were run heavier than in many months. There were few freight trains out yesterday, on account of the holidays, and last night all were started out. No. 1545 was run in six sections into Central City. All the local railroad men were kept busy and this morning the yards were a scene of the greatest activity.

WILL GIVE A DINNER.

The Sutherland Medicine company will tomorrow at 6 p. m. give its employees, including traveling salesmen, a dinner at the Palmer House, and it will be a most enjoyable affair.

IT JUST SNOWED, and SNOWED, and SNOWED!

BUT "OH, MY HART"

Has the CHEAPEST and SWEETEST

CUT GLASS, IMPORTED CHINA, BERLIN, BOHEMIAN AND CANNO GLASS, TOILET SETS, JARDINERES, SEWING AND STAND BASKETS, POCKET, TABLE AND CARVING KNIVES, CHILDREN'S LARGE TOYS, DOLLS, DRUMS, TRUNKS, CHAIRS, BEAUTIFUL BUSTS OF LADIES OF AWAY BACK.

Geo. O. Hart & Son,
Hardware and Stove Company.

ALL THESE FELT BAD

Offenders Arraigned This Morning in Police Court For Many Things.

Jim Hale Charged With Malicious Shooting—Two False Swearing Cases.

NUMBER OF PETTY OFFENDERS FINED

The principal case in police court this morning was against Jim Hale, the colored barber, charged with maliciously shooting Lon Tucker, colored, at Thirteenth and Monroe streets, about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. County Attorney Graves has been informed by witnesses that Tucker was simply walking along when Hale, who had a large pistol, walked out and shot him twice. One ball passed through his left cheek, coming out near the ear, and the other penetrated his liver and kidneys. Tucker is perhaps fatally injured, and could not talk and give his version.

Hale claims that he shot Tucker accidentally. That he thought he would fire the gun, and having no blank cartridges fired loaded ones. He has a barber shop on South Third street, and Tucker is employed at the Schrader grocery at Thirteenth and Monroe streets. The case was called in police court this morning and continued until Saturday, and in default of a \$1,000 bond, Hale was remanded.

Julius Settle and Walter Moody, colored, swore themselves into the penitentiary this morning in police court. Moody lives at Florence Station, and stole a mohair shirt at E. B. Harbours, and was caught by Officer Hart with the shirt in his possession. He swore he bought it from a colored woman, and in addition to being held, will be warranted for false swearing, as a clerk saw him steal the shirt.

Settle was charged with stealing a pair of shoes, and swore he didn't do it, although he was seen in the act. He, also, will be charged with false swearing.

A case against Jack Donovan, for obtaining money by false pretenses, by stealing two whips from Grub Pritchett and selling them as his own property, was continued.

Chas. Carson, Minnie Austin, Thomas Wright, Joe Johnson, Nellie Blue, Thomas Stovall, were charged with drunkenness, and the usual fines assessed except in Wright's case.

A case against Ed Robinson, for carrying concealed deadly weapons, was continued.

Sherman Hudson was fined \$5 and costs for a breach of the peace.

Alberta Goldsmith and Tandy Reeves, colored, were fined \$5 and costs for a breach of the peace.

A petty larceny case against Frank Mitchell, colored, was dismissed.

DIED IN CHICAGO.

MR. E. SONDENEIMER DIES OF GENERAL DEBILITY THERE.

The local yards of the E. Sondenheimer Lumber Co. are closed today, owing to the death of Mr. Sondenheimer, who died in Chicago of general debility, at the age of 74. Mr. Sondenheimer has owned a branch office in the city for the past several years, and was one of the best known men in the lumber business. He was very wealthy, but was not known in this section of the country. His business here will go on just the same under the local management.

FULTON'S NEW BANK.

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 26.—The new bank will have a meeting of the stockholders in a few days and elect officers and directors and get ready for business January 1st. Esq. W. C. Croft will be president of the institution and W. J. Rudd, of Evansville, cashier.

THE WEATHER.

Rain tonight and in the east portion Friday.

MANY USED BULLETS

Yesterday was a Day of Accidents, a Few Serious Ones.

No Fatal Mishaps Are Reported, Many Loaded Cartridges Were Shot.

MANY WINDOWS WERE FIRED INTO

It is probable that the next big holiday will not be so vociferously celebrated by the fiend with the blank cartridge and cannon cracker. There were night before last and yesterday many accidents in the city, some of them serious, and there is every indication of many abuses of the privileges accorded the public by Mayor Yeiser, as many bullets were fired from revolvers, and windows were broken in many places.

Yesterday morning a 38 calibre ball crashed through one of the big bay windows near the southwest corner of the Palmer House. The room is used by Proprietor Reed as a reception room, but fortunately there was no one in it at the time. The leaden missile spent its force and fell harmlessly into a bowl of egg nog where it was found a short time afterwards.

Windows were shot out in many other places. Bullets were used promiscuously, many by drunken men, and Roman candles were fired in any direction, whether there happened to be any one there or not. A few windows were damaged by the Roman candles, and many places are found where they were fired point blank at the thick plate glass windows on Broadway.

It was decidedly one of the noisiest Christmases ever spent in Paducah, and there were a number of accidents.

"Chicken" Buford, a fourteen-year-old colored youth of Tenth and Tennessee streets, was perhaps the most seriously burned victim of holiday hilarity. Last night about 7:15 o'clock he was shooting fireworks near the Bacon drug store on Jackson street. He had several Roman candles under his coat, and inside his shirt, next to his breast. While shooting one in his hands those in his shirt caught fire, and were soon exploding. His shirt and coat began to burn, and before his companions could tear the garments off him he was seriously hurt. The boy was taken to the office of Dr. H. V. Davis, where the injuries were dressed. This morning the boy is better.

The little son of Al Gray, colored, of Eighth and Ohio streets, was painfully burned about the face by powder yesterday. He was shot with a Roman candle ball. The injuries are not serious. Dr. Davis dressed him also.

Master George Dickens, the 12-year-old stepson of Mr. Chas. Graham, was badly burned about the face yesterday morning about 10 o'clock while shooting blank cartridges with several companions on Broadway. One of the boys, Master Paul Norvel, accidentally shot one of the blanks in young Dickens' face, badly burning him about the mouth and on the cheeks. His eyes were not hurt, and his escape was narrow from possibly serious injury. Dr. Rivers attended him.

Master Herbert Stewart, the son of Dr. Phil Stewart, was injured by the explosion of a cannon cracker in his left hand yesterday. He did not throw it away soon enough, and it exploded in his hand. The member was painfully burned, but is not seriously injured. Drs. Sights and Brooks dressed the burn.

Mr. Al Foreman was bitten by a dog at the city hall last night, and the little finger of the left hand injured. Dr. Robertson was called and dressed the injury, which is not serious.

Some drunken man shot into the Palmer House register last night with a 38 calibre pistol, and burned and tore several pages from the book, which looked this morning like it had been through a small cyclone. The name of the man is not known.

Mr. B. D. Stevenson, aged 20, an employe of the Robertson grocery store, was seriously injured yesterday

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